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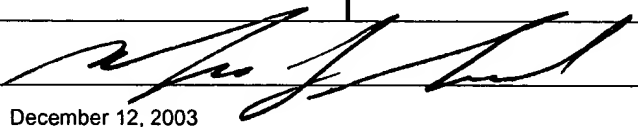
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the communication that Applicant's reply filed on September 8, 2003 (mailed September 4, 2003) was not fully responsive, please consider the following.

In order to remove the JP 2000-43537 and JP 2000-43536 references as prior art, enclosed is a verified translation of the 2000-9966 priority.

Applicant elected Species 1, AC/heater unit, illustrated in Figures 1-3 and in a second election requirement, Applicant elected Species 1, film door, illustrated in Figures 4 and 5. As can be seen from the figures of the two applications, Figures 1-5 of